

REMARKS

The Office Action of March 17, 1998 sets up a Restriction Requirement between claims 1-8 drawn to a method of manufacturing a drum assembly and claims 9-16 drawn to a drum assembly.

By the above amendment, Applicants have responded to said Restriction Requirement by canceling claims 1-8, drawn to the method of manufacturing a drum assembly, thereby leaving in the application only claims 9-16 drawn to a drum assembly.

Applicant, however, hereby expressly reserves the right to hereafter resubmit claims 1-8 and/or other claims drawn to the method of manufacturing a drum assembly as described in the application by way of a timely filed divisional application.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this response, he may telephone Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number given below to discuss the matter.

Any fee required by the filing of this response may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 13-0235.

Respectfully submitted,

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